

THE

PUBLIC HUE AND CRY;

OR,

Sir John Fielding's General Preventive Plan.

SENT

To the Mayors and Chief Officers of Corporations, the Acting Magistrates in the Counties at large, and the Keepers of every County Gaol throughout England.

From FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1774, to FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1775.

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THE DESIGN of this UNDERTAKING.

TO prevent Offences, and thereby save the Lives of all his Majesty's Subjects by the speedy Detection of Criminals. To check the mischievous Effects of Luxury, and raise an Attention, if possible, to a due Subordination by feasible Perquisitions, conveyed in Essays on Human Life. To advance the Rewards of the Ingenious by exhibiting their authentic Merits to the Public. To state existing Evils that affect the Peace and good Order of Society; to trace them to their Sources, and point out the Remedies. And as this public-spirited Plan is honoured by Royal Countenance, from Sentiments of the highest Benevolence, and is carried into Execution on the most distinguished Principles by the Editor of this Paper, to whom no possible Gain can arise, except that immense one of deriving well of his Country; it has the fairest Claim to the Approbation of the Worthy, the Affluence of the Able, and the Candour of all his Majesty's well-disposed Subjects.

P. S. All Essays for the Hue and Cry are desired to be directed to Bow Street.

J. FIELDING.

A MURDERER.

ESCAPED FROM JUSTICE.

WILLIAM MITCHELL, about thirty Years of Age, five Feet four Inches high, black Hair, rather inclined to curl, swarthy Complexion, black Eyes, very heavy brows, his Eye Brows growing almost together very low Forehead, which wrinkles pretty much; had on the 28th of November last an old Thicket Frock; he was born at Line Gate, Dorchester; and is a Labourer: Charged with murdering Ann Chappel, Servant to Henry Bishop, Esq. of Sydling St. Nicholas, in Dorsetshire, the 29th of November last. Ten Guineas Reward is offered on his Conviction. Give Notice to the above Office, or to Sir John Smith, Barr. at Sydling St. Nicholas aforesaid.

A SACRILEGE.

WHEREAS the Parish Church of Clayworth, in the County of Nottingham, was entered on Wednesday Night, the 28th of December last, and the Chisel, containing the Communion Plate, broke open, and the following Plate, with some Money, taken away viz. A large Flagon, a Cup with a Cover, and two large Plates with the following Inscription: "Ex Dono Lacy Dickinson Generosi Ecclesie Parochialis de Clayworth Agro Nottinghamiensi" round which is the Family Coat of Arms; the Cover of the Cup is marked J H S. A Reward of Ten Guineas is offered by the Church-Wardens of Clayworth aforesaid, upon Conviction of the Offender or Offenders. Give Notice to the above Office, or to the said Church-Wardens.

ESCAPED FROM JUSTICE.

MARTHA KEW, charged with robbing her Mistress at Bristol, on the 29th of December, 1774, of two Bristol Bank Notes; value 160l. She is about twenty Years of Age, about five Feet six Inches high, brown complexioned, brown Hair, full breasted; had on when she went away a purple striped Linen Gown; she was born at Hannam, in Gloucestershire. She left Bristol with one Richard Head, otherwise James Annes, a Painter, a young thin Man, about five Feet six or seven Inches high, full Complexion, and black curled Hair, large black Eyebrows; served his Time at Bridgenorth; generally wears brown Cloaths with white Buttons, Corderoy Breeches, and light Surcoat Coat with red Velvet Collar. Five Guineas Reward is offered by the Person robbed on Conviction. Give Notice to the above Office, or to the Mayor of Bristol.

ESCAPED FROM JUSTICE.

JOHN BRABAL, otherwise BRABEN, charged with burglariously breaking and entering the House of Mr. Aquilas Seachard, at Brentwood, in Essex, on the 2d of January Instant, in Company with others now in custody, and cruelly treating him and his Family, in consequence of which a Clergyman that lived in the House had his Arm broke in attempting to escape from their Barbarity; and stealing two Silver Table Spoons, marked A S—a Tea Spoon, D1—a chafed Silver Tweezer Cane—a Pair of Women's Dimity Pockets, &c. He is a short well-settled middle aged Man, wears his own light curled Hair long on the Forehead; is dressed in brown Cloaths with white Buttons of the same; and a brown Great Coat; has belonged to the Custom-House, and has lately followed Smuggling, was born in London, and lately lived in St. Martin's le Grand. Forty Pounds Reward for apprehending him is allowed by Act of Parliament on his Conviction.

N. B. By the Statute of the 5th of Ann, Chap. 31. Sec. 4. if any Person, being out of Prison, shall commit any Burglary, or Felony, and afterwards discover two or more Persons who already have, or hereafter shall commit

any such Burglary or Felony, to be as two or more of the Persons discovered shall be convicted of such Burglary or Felony, any such Discoverer shall himself have the Reward of Forty Pounds, promised to be paid to the Person or Persons who apprehend and convict Housebreakers, and all other Advantages given to such Taker and Prosecutor; and shall also be entitled to his Majesty's gracious Pardon for all Burglaries, Robberies, and Felonies (except Murder and Treason) by him committed at any Time or Times before such Discovery made.

A MURDERER.

ESCAPED FROM JUSTICE.

MATTHEW COCKLANE, charged with the wilful Murder of Mary Vickers, the 19th of December last, at Derby. He is about five Feet three Inches high, dark Complexion; had on a brown Coat, leather Breeches, and round Hat, has very dark brown Hair inclined to curl; he is an Irishman, is about forty Years of Age, and was once a Soldier in the 33d Regiment of Foot. Give Notice to the above Office, or to the Mayor of Derby.

STOLEN the 4th of Jan. a large Black Boney Mare full aged, has some White on the off hind Foot, a small Star in her Forehead. One Guinea Reward is offered by the Owner. Give notice to the above Office.

STOLEN or Strayed from Down's and Spencer's Farm on Finchley Common about the 22d. December last, a Bay Crop Nag about fourteen Hands and one Inch high, a small Star in his Forehead, one white Hecel, has been fired on the near Leg before, is a little lame, marked with Fitch on the off Buttock, D. S. Two Guineas Reward are offered by the said Messrs. Downes and Spencer. Give Notice to the above Office.

STOLEN near Croydon, the 4th of Jan. a Bright Bay Mare fifteen Hands high, rising five Years old, bald Face, both hind Feet white, (with Tail, two or three Saddle Spots, wring in the Withers by the collar, and is with F. L. A Guinea Reward is offered by the Owner. Give Notice to the above Office, or to Mr. Earnshaw at the Half Moon at Croydon.

STOLEN the 11th Inst from Eford in Essex, an aged black Chaise Gelding, fifteen Hands one Inch high, a Blaze down his Face, cut Tail, the off Fore Foot white and fired, a little galled on the near Shoulder. Five Guineas Reward are offered by the Owner on recovery of the Horse and conviction of the Offender. Give Notice to the above Office or to John Harvey at the Green Man at Ilford.

STOLEN or Strayed Jan. 11th, out of the Grounds of Mr. George Glaver, at Uxbridge, a chequered Mare, full aged fifteen Hands one Inch high, short backed, rather long Legs one Knee scratched, round haired, two white Feet behind, a Blaze in the Face, cut Tail and nicked, and carries her Head high. Two Guineas Reward is offered by the Owner. Give Notice to the above Office, or to the said George Glaver.

STOLEN or STRAYED out of a Field at Shrewbridge, near Nantwich, Cheshire, on Tuesday Night, December 27, 1774, a Grey Gelding, rising eight Years old, with a switch Tail, moves open, and drags his hind Feet, upon which Account he is shod in a particular Manner, half a Guinea Reward, and all reasonable Charges are offered if traced; and if stolen a further Reward of One Guinea, on Conviction of the Offender. Give Notice to the above Office, or to Mr. Maffie, Chandler, in Nantwich.

ESCAPED from the House of Correction, at High Wycombe, Bucks, on Tuesday Evening, December 27, 1774, JOHN MORE, a Yorkshireman, by Trade a Taylor, about five Feet five Inches high, a stout made Man, very thick Legs, dark grey eyes, large dark Eyebrows,

dark brown Hair, a little curling, much pitted with the Small-pox, and one Tooth out before; had on a brown Coat trimmed with Black, Waistcoat the same, brown Cloth Breeches, and a Pair of Shoes nailed very thick with large Nails. Whoever secures him, and gives Notice to the Keeper of the said House of Correction, shall receive One Guinea Reward; or give Notice to the above Office.

A MURDERER.

WHEREAS Joseph Carter stands charged with being concerned in the Murder of Francis Smith, late of Pocklington, who was found barbarously murdered near Kexby-Bridge in Yorkshire, on Thursday the 29th of December 1774. This is to declare all Persons whatever to apprehend the said Joseph Carter, and carry him before one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for Examination. He was at Easingwold on Saturday Night the 31st of December in Company with Robert Stokes, now in Custody for the said Murder.

Joseph Carter is a low broad set Man, about forty Years of Age, of a ruddy Complexion, in a brownish Great-Coat with two Rows of Buttons rather darker than the Cloth, dark Breeches too long for him, a Pair of black leam'd Stockings, and a round Hat. Give Notice to the above Office, or to the Mayor of York.

A CAUTION.

AS at this Season Persons are constantly coming to London, it is thought proper to recommend to those who come in Carriages to fasten their Trunks, &c. with Chains instead of Straps, many Trunks having lately been cut from Carriages near London.

BROKE out of Bedford Gaol, the 12th of Inst December, WILLIAM CROOTE, alias BIGNALL, charged on Suspicion of stealing a Mare. Had on when he went away a light brown great Coat, with white Metal Buttons, buff coloured Waistcoat, leather Breeches, large round Hat, about twenty-four Years of Age, five Feet eight or nine Inches high, a Labourer, dark brown Hair, long Village, pale Looks, and very thin, talks very little, he lately lived at Old Warden, in Bedfordshire. Three Guineas Reward will be paid on his being delivered to me, and all reasonable Charges.

THOMAS HOWARD, Keeper.

BROKE out of the Gaol at Launceston, Cornwall, December 29, 1774, ANGUISH M'DANIEL, WILLIAM TESTICK, and BENJAMIN CLEMONS.

ANGUISH M'DANIEL is a Scotchman, about five Feet eight Inches high; wore a blue labelled Waistcoat with blue Mohair Buttons, one Row on each Side, white Waistcoat under, bound round the Edge with black Tape, and black Horn Buttons, and a Pair of Canvas Trowsers, light coloured Hair curled behind, long favoured, about thirty Years old, charged with a High Road Robbery.

WILLIAM TESTICK is about five Feet six Inches high, light brown Hair parted upon the Top of his Head, thin favoured, long Nose, high Nob in the Middle; wore a Fustian frock, blue Cloth Waistcoat, and blue Plush Breeches, about forty Years old, charged with Forgery.

BENJAMIN CLEMONS is about five Feet four Inches high; wore a blue Surcoat Coat, under the Arms are two Pieces of lighter blue, black Broad Cloth Coat under the Surcoat, white Broad Cloth Waistcoat, and blue Breeches, dark brown Hair tied behind and made to a Tail, about twenty-four Years old, was bred to the Trade of a Rope-maker, let made, fair Complexion, marked with the Small Pox; charged with Burglary.

Whoever will apprehend and secure them, and give Notice to John Mules, Keeper of the Gaol, shall receive a Guinea each Man, and all Expenses paid; or give Notice to the above Office.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HUE AND CRY.

SIR,

As a lover of peace and good order, as a friend to society, and a well-wisher to my fellow subjects, permit me to offer a few observations on the advantage of *Prevention*, to the worthy Magistrates, Clergy, and Freeholders, throughout this kingdom.

It was with infinite pleasure I read in a late paper of your's, a resolution made at the Quarter Sessions at Winchester, by some of the most respectable Magistrates of the county of Hants, to put the 17th of Geo. II. Chap. 5. commonly called the *Vagrant Act*, into vigorous execution in their jurisdiction; for as I am exceedingly fond of preventive measures, I must confess that I cannot avoid imputing the increase of little thieves, and the success of great ones, to the inattention of the Magistrates in their respective divisions to this very wholesome law; and I verily believe there is not one act, in the whole Statute at large, which cost the legislature more pains than this. Indeed, it is admirably contrived to secure the public in general from mischief, and to remove all legal nuisances that may arise from idle and disorderly persons being harboured in particular divisions.

What Magistrate is there that must not blush when he reads the sixth section of this act, and recollects that a warrant of this kind has not been executed in his division for several years? My Lord Chief Justice Hale, that excellent man, observes, "That prevention of poverty and idleness would do more good than all the gibbets, whipping-posts and gaols, in the Kingdom." And Lord Chief Justice Coke, that able Lawyer, speaking of Justice, says, "That seeing *Justitia est duplex; viz. secura pœnit, ut reus præveniat;* that is, Justice severely punishing whereof we have spoken, and truly preventing or preventing justice, *quæ adhuc desideratur;* we will at this place point at the other with a direction how it may be effected.

"True it is, that we have found by woeful experience that it is not frequent and often punishment that doth prevent like offences; *melior est curam justitiæ verè præveniens quam severe pœnit,* agreeing with the rules of the Physician for the safety of the body *præstat cautela quam mœstia;* and it is a certain rule, that *videlicet ea sepe committi quæ sepe vindicantur;* those offences are often committed that are often punished; for the frequency of the punishment makes it so familiar as it is not feared; for example, what a lamentable case it is to see so many Christian men and women strangled on that cursed tree of the gallows, inasmuch as if in a large field a man might see together all the Christians, that bat in one year throughout England come to that untimely and ignominious death, if there were any spark of grace or charity in him, it would make his heart bleed for pity and compassion."

This is a striking observation, and cannot fail of raising in the minds of the humane and considerate, sorrow inexpressible for the loss of so many fellow creatures; and what must add to their affliction is this melancholy truth, that twelve out of twenty of the malefactors executed at Tyburn, for these few years past, have not exceeded twenty years of age. Good God! what negligence must there have been in the morals, what a want of sense of religion in the families of the indolent poor! And here let me most respectfully invite the attention of the Clergy to this important object; indeed, they should double their diligence on this occasion; the evil becomes general, and the gaols throughout the kingdom are filled with youthful miscreants—Crimes have lost their horror, and shame its force: but yet it is not too late to bring some of them back to their duty, would the Clergy fairly direct themselves in the salvation of their flock.

Here let me speak a word or two to the good Yeomen and Freeholders of this country, who formerly bred up a hardy race of men, equally fit for the plough and the sword, accustomed them to habits of industry and frugality, and affording them examples of religious subordination, and economy—But alas! where are now these examples? Where are these modest Yeomen, these frugal Freeholders, whose these industrious Labourers?

Macaroni Farmers supply the place of one; luxury and dissipation have swept away another; and the industrious poor being robbed of all example, pursue the suggestions of depraved nature, and become *offensive*, instead of *useful* members of society. A melancholy picture this! but I am not so foolishly sanguine as to expect that the manners of my countrymen, either by preaching or example, can be brought back to that state of simplicity, or their habits to such moderation and frugality, as every honest man would wish for; but I am convinced much good might be done by both; and where preaching and example fail, the Magistrate should be called in.

Indeed, the civil power throughout England is in the same state it has been in for many years: and formerly perhaps, it was of sufficient authority to prevent or punish most of the violations of the law: but luxury, dissipation, and extravagance, have made such strides, and reduced subordination to so low an ebb, that, unless the civil power be speedily raised to a sufficient degree of strength to suppress the present evils, rapine and robbery must increase with impunity. To stem this torrent, it is to be hoped that Magistrates will be multiplied throughout every part of this kingdom; that the vagrant act will be put into execution in every division four times a year, as the law directs; and that every man who possesses house or land, and has charge of servants or apprentices, will, by good examples lend their assistance to the Magistrates and the Clergy to carry this great plan of *prevention* into execution, to the glory of God, the honour of their country, and the safety and welfare of the industrious poor and their families.

SENEX.

Two recent Cures obtained by the Use of Dr. DOMINICETI'S Bala, Strus, and Fumigations, at Chelsea.

A Clergyman, aged fifty-six, about four years ago, was inoculated, but nothing appeared from the inoculation. At this time he was in perfect health; but in about three months his health visibly declined, and gradually losing his perspiration, his appetite, sleep, and spirits, he was constantly afflicted with a violent pain in his stomach; he had the best advice and assistance he could procure; but about two years ago his distemper ended in a confirmed dropsy, being swelled from head to foot. In November last being given over, he came in this desponding condition to the Doctor's, and returned perfectly cured to his Parishioners on Christmas Eve, to their astonishment and happiness, and the comfort of his family.

A Lady of Fashion, aged fifty-five, had been for several years afflicted with oppression, pain, and swelling in her stomach; lowness of spirits, and a constant burning fever; total loss of perspiration, appetite, and rest at night: but from May to the latter end of August last, she was afflicted with such an uncommon and dreadful Hemorrhage, as brought her so very low, that her life was despaired of, although she was attended by some of the ablest Physicians in this country: her speedy death was pronounced inevitable, and her family gave up every hope of her recovery. On the first of September she was removed, at the extreme hazard of her life, from a few miles out of town to Dr. Dominiceti's house at Chelsea; from which she returned home on the 18th of November perfectly recovered, to the astonishment and delight of her family and friends.

The names of the patients, and of the gentlemen of the faculty, who had attended them, may be known by enquiring at my house.

B. DE DOMINICETI, M.D.

I received a minute account of the above Cures from the patients themselves, whom I conversed with at the Doctor's; nor should I do justice to his process, if I did not declare that these two Cures will be found very extraordinary on enquiry. J. FIELDING.

MONDAY, Jan. 9.

LONDON.

Yesterday the Rev. Doctor Parker preached before their Majesties at the Chapel Royal St. James's.

After their Majesties returned from Chapel there was a Court and Drawing-room at St. James's.

The lady of M. Meuschin Pouchkin, Envoy Extraordinary from Russia, and the Prussian and Swedish Ministers, were at Court yesterday; as were also their Graces the Dukes and Duchesses of Argyle, Montague, and Manchester; Lords Cadogan, Edgcumbe, and Mahon; and many other persons of distinction.

After the Drawing-room was up his Grace the Duke of Argyle had a long conference with his Majesty.

Saturday his Majesty, attended by generals Carpenter and Amherst, took an airing in Hyde Park, and about eleven o'clock returned to Buckingham House.

Friday the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland arrived at their house at Charing-Cross.

A correspondent recommends the following plan to prevent the increase of pickpockets, and of consequence the great increase of robbers of all denominations. Let the churchwardens and overseers of every parish enquire into the state of the poor families, and provide for all those children that the parents are unable to keep out of the streets, and let them be apprenticed to reputable matters at the parish expence, by which nine in ten would be prevented from making deductions on the public.

The Sally, Cheiland, from Newfoundland, is arrived at Naples with considerable damage.

The Vrow Maria, Jerginson, from Cadiz to Ostend, is lost on the Goodwin Sands.

The Reward, Candy, from London, is arrived off Oporto Bar with several more.

On Friday one of the Birmingham waggons took fire, owing to a large bottle of aqua fortis breaking; the damage is considerable.

TUESDAY, Jan. 10.

LONDON.

Yesterday there was a levee at St. James's, but it was very thin; there being present only the Secretaries of State, Lord North, Earl of Dartmouth, Lords March, Bruce, Spencer, and the Dutch and Imperial Ministers.

Yesterday morning the Right Hon. Earl of Dartmouth had a levee at his house in Charles-street, St. James's, at which several American agents and merchants were present.

Yesterday morning about seven o'clock his Excellency the Marquis Cordonne, the Sardinian Ambassador, went to Buckingham-house; on which account his Majesty's morning ride was put off.

Yesterday the Right Hon. the Earl of Godolphin arrived at his house in the Stable-yard, from Bath.

As did the Right Hon. Lord Colrairie to his house in Clarges-street, Piccadilly, from travelling into France and Italy.

A letter from St. Michael's, in Cornwall, mentions, that the Hon. Thomas Howard, Esq. is elected Member of that borough, in the room of James Scawen, Esq. who has made his election for the county of Surry.

Lord Cranbourne, son to the Earl of Salisbury, is elected Member for Great Bedwin, Wilts, in the room of the Right Hon. the Earl of Courtown.

Last week the Duke of Dorset ordered 1000 weight of beef, the same quantity of bread, and 50 cords of wood, to be distributed among the poor inhabitants contiguous to his estate at Sevenoaks, in Kent.

Lord Lyttleton has ordered clothes and victuals to the value of one hundred guineas to be distributed among the poor in the environs of Hagley.

Yesterday arrived a mail from Lisbon, brought by the Expedition packet-boat, Spurrier, to Falmouth.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Southampton, Jan. 7. Last Wednesday afternoon a melancholy accident happened to a daughter of Mr. Joseph Taylor (a girl about seven years of age) in this town: Being at play with her brother, about two years older, and another little girl, in a shed near the water side, the boy took up a gun, which had been imprudently left there, charged with dropshot for wild fowl, but the piece being too heavy for him to hold, the end dropped on some spars that lay between him and the two girls, who were looking out of the window; in this situation, by some means the gun went off, and the whole contents entered his sister's side, and wounded her in so terrible a manner, that she lived but about three hours afterwards. The other girl received no hurt.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 11.
L O N D O N.

A letter from Vienna, dated Dec. 15, says, "The establishment of an Academy of Sciences in this city, has been a long time in contemplation; and we are assured that this project is now going to be carried into execution, and that the celebrated Abbé Helle, astronomer of the court, and formerly a Jesuit, is ordered to draw up the statutes for, and is to be director of, it."

Yesterday arrived at his house in Hill-street, Berkly-square, Stuart Mackenzie, Esq. and his lady.

On Friday last Charles Dundas, Esq. nephew to the Right Hon. Sir Lawrence Dundas, Bart. was elected unanimously the representative in parliament for the borough of Richmond in Yorkshire.

A letter from Derby mentions, that there is likely to be a strong contest for the election of a Knight of the shire for that county, there being at present four candidates, among whom is Lord Mahon.

Last Sunday Miss Brett, daughter of Sir Piercy Brett, was presented to their Majesties, being introduced by the Countess of Chatham, and was graciously received.

Yesterday a Court of Aldermen was held at Guildhall, being the first since the holidays, when the price of bread was ordered to be continued the same as last week. Mr. Alderman Alsop sat as *locum tenens*, the Lord Mayor being absent.

Yesterday the Right Hon. Lord Mayor, Sheriff, Recorder, &c. held the first General Quarter Sessions for the Borough of Southwark, at the Court House, St. Margaret's Hill, and sat till past six o'clock.

The Britannia, Elson, from Newfoundland is arrived at Oporto, after receiving damage on Oporto bar.

The Adventure, Craik, from Campvere to Portsoy, sailed the 22d of November, and has not since been heard of.

The Nostra Signora, Daguia, from Rio de Janeiro to Lisbon, was lost on the Baixas Fernando.

The Mercury, late Forsyth, from Africa, passed by St. Vincent's the third of February, bound to Jamaica.

The Besley, Morris, from Tortola, is overlet at Dublin, and full of water.

The King George, Tape, from Jamaica to Bristol, is put into South Carolina, with the loss of her mizzen mast and bowsprit.

Yesterday the Annoyance Jury for the several parishes in the Liberty of Westminster, went thro' their division and inspected the weights and measures of several Publicans, Bakers, and Chandlers-shops; where they found several deficient, which were broke to pieces, and the names of the House-keepers ordered to be reported to the next Court-Leet.

On Monday the Inquest of St. Sepulchre gave away 171. in bread and money to 140 poor persons, which they had collected from the bounty of the inhabitants.

Yesterday morning, at seven o'clock, Mr. Sheriff Hart, attended by the two Under-Sheriffs, went to Newgate with the order for the bodies of William Pritchard, Edward Parker, Peter Thane, Richard Mitchell, Amos Merritt, and John Overen, whom his Majesty had ordered for execution yesterday. After the prisoners had heard prayers in the Chapel, and received the Sacrament, as usual, they were put into two carts; Merritt, Mitchell, and Pritchard in the first cart, and Parker, Thane, and Overen in the second. A great number of people attended to see Amos Merritt. About eleven the procession reached the fatal tree, where, after an hour spent in singing hymns, &c. Merritt and Mitchell spoke to the populace near half an hour alternately; when notice being given by the Sheriff that their time was nearly expired, Merritt begged for a few minutes to deliver himself to the people. The substance of his last speech was the different enticing snares which abound in the metropolis, and of which he cautioned all his hearers to beware.—The other convicts did not speak at all; but taking leave of each other, the cart drew away, and left them suspended. They all seemingly died very easy, except Mitchell and Overen, who struggled some minutes. They died without any appearance of dismay, and perfectly resigned to their fate.

THURSDAY, Jan. 12.
L O N D O N.

Yesterday a Chapter of the most Honourable Order of the Thistle was held at St. James's, when his Majesty was graciously pleased to invest his Grace the Duke of Gordon with the Ensigns of that most Honourable Order.

There were present their Graces the Dukes of Northumberland and Buccleugh, the Right Hon. Lord Chancellor, Earls of Rochford, Gower, Bristol, March, Portmore, Dartmouth, Lords North, Mansfield, Cathcart, Mahon, Peterham, Sir George Howard, and most of the Foreign Ministers.

The same day his Grace the Duke of Somerset, who has resided for these five years past in the country, attended the Levee at St. James's for the first time since his Grace's arrival in town.

On Tuesday night Dr. Robinson, Archbishop of Armagh, and Primate of all Ireland, arrived in town from that kingdom, and was yesterday at Court.

All the members of the Privy Council were summoned yesterday after the Levee was over at St. James's, to meet upon business of importance.

It is said that the members of the Council continue still greatly to be divided in opinion with respect to what is necessary to be pursued with regard to America.

Last night their Majesties were at Drury-lane Theatre, to see the Comedy of Twelfth Night, and Harlequin's Jacket. They were received with loud claps by a crowded audience, and seemed highly delighted with their evening's entertainment.

This day the Lord Chancellor held the first General Seal at Lincoln's Inn Hall, before Hilary Term. His Lordship has also appointed Friday, Saturday, and Monday, for the remaining petitions and exceptions.

The Dartmouth, Dalling, from Antigua, coming up Graveend Reach, was by a sudden squall of wind off the land, drove on board the Grosvenor Indiaman, carried away her spritsail-yard, and did her other damage; the Dartmouth was very near sinking by the shock she received, and it is feared she has met with considerable damage.

The North Star, Archibald Stanford, commander, bound from Madeira to Ireland, deep laden and several passengers, is lost thirty leagues west of Madeira in a violent storm, and every person on board perished.

The Patient, Lamb, (late Kroan) from London to Koningburgh, is put into Norway, where she must unload to repair the damage she has received.

Committed from the Public Office, in Bow-street, during the last fortnight.

John Howard, for stealing eleven handkerchiefs, the property of Richard Egan; John Hutchins and Lawrence Wade, for breaking open the house of Mr. Seachard, at Brentwood, and stealing two table spoons, a tweezers case, &c. Ann King, for stealing a watch, the property of Thomas King; William Thomas, for robbing Margaret Graham on the King's highway of a cloak, &c. Lambert Reading, for stealing several remnants of silk, &c. the property of Mary Smith; William Rooker, for stealing a shift, a pair of stockings, &c. the property of the Rev. Dr. Forester; Joseph Lloyd, for returning from transportation before the expiration of the term for which he was transported; Lewis Carr and Robert Lewis, for stealing a watch, the property of Christopher Pinchbeck; William Clayton and William Bradshaw, for stealing a quantity of linens, &c. the property of Elizabeth Hyde and Elizabeth Taylor; and George Taylor, for picking pockets.

Committed during the last fortnight.

To Winchester Gaol, William Windebank, for felony; he is five feet four inches high, aged thirty-eight, was born at Alresford, and is a Labourer.

To Lincoln Castle, Robert Thompson, for Burglary; he was born at Manton, is aged forty, a Labourer and five feet nine inches high.

To Salisbury Gaol, Stephen Swain, and Tamar his wife, for murder; he is about forty-seven years of age, five feet seven inches high, a Labourer, born at Haytebury, in Wiltshire; she

is thirty-seven years of age, born at Chittern in Wiltshire.

To Bedford Gaol, Thomas Brace, for stealing lead; he was born at Tempsford in Bedfordshire, is a Butcher by trade, forty four years of age, and five feet eight inches high.

To Ipswich Gaol, Thomas Green, for burglary lary and footpad robbery; he is twenty-two years of age, five feet seven inches high, and was born at Chelter; James Caudell, for horse-stealing; he is forty years of age, five feet eight inches high; born in Norfolk, and a Labourer.

To York Castle, William Law, for felony, aged forty-six, five feet nine inches high, born at Sowerby, Yorkshire; William Smith, alias Nicholson, from Shipton, Yorkshire, for horse-stealing, aged thirty, five feet eight inches high; John Radcliffe, for felony, aged forty, five feet eight inches high, lived at Sowerby; William Hartley, for felony; he is an apprentice to a Cutler at Sheffield; Thomas Johnson, of Darney near Sheffield, for a footpad robbery, aged twenty, five feet five inches high, a Shoemaker; Kenny Powell, of Knaresborough, for a rape, aged sixty, five feet four inches high, has been in the Army.

To Stafford Gaol, Thomas Bumford, for felony, by trade a gunlock forger, aged twenty-five, about five feet six inches and a half high, black complexion black hair; Benjamin Bumford, for felony, by trade a Nailor, aged eighteen, about five feet four inches high, black complexion, and black hair; Henry Price, for felony, by trade a weaver, aged thirty-three, thin faced, black complexion, black hair, about five feet seven inches high; John Horton, for felony, by trade a Glass-maker, aged fifty-eight, about five feet seven inches high, fresh complexion, and wears a cap; John Lines, for felony, by trade a Nailor, aged 27, about five feet ten inches high, thin faced, brown complexion cur'd brown hair; Bailey Sanders, by trade a Whitesmith, aged thirty-one, about five feet seven inches high, brown complexion, and short black hair; Thomas Dutton, by trade a Collier, aged thirty-one, about five feet eight inches high, brown complexion, and short brown hair; John Hood, by trade a Butcher, aged thirty five, about five feet seven inches high, red complexion, and sandy coloured hair; Samuel Weston, by trade a Husbandman, aged thirty-three, about five feet eight inches and a half high, brown complexion, pock freckled, and short brown hair; John Howl, by trade a Husbandman, aged thirty-two, about five feet five inches and a half high, swarthy complexion, and straight brown hair.

OBSERVATION.

If the Keepers of the County Gaols continue punctually to make a weekly return to the above office of the names and descriptions of the offenders committed to their charge, it must be the means of recovering many prisoners that have broke Gaol, and of detecting many notorious criminals who have committed offences in the counties from whence they have escaped; and if the Post-Masters in the different parts of England pay an exact attention to the directions they have received from the Hon. the Post-Master General, in sending an immediate account of every robbery that comes to their knowledge, with the best description of the offenders, the whole state of criminal matters that arise within the course of the week, will be contained in this Paper, the Public Advertiser, and the Gazetteer, to which therefore we refer Pawnbrokers, Silversmiths, Dealers in Cloaths, and Horie Dealers, to prevent their buying or receiving stolen goods or horses; for as it is natural for offenders who escape justice in the country to fly towards London for shelter, such occurrences, together with those that arise in town, are advertised in these two daily papers; and as it is also a common for offenders, who escape justice in this metropolis, to fly into the country or shelter, these occurrences are constantly advertised in the HUE and CRY; by these reciprocal methods escapes must be rendered difficult, the evil-disposed deterred from involving themselves and families in distress; the number of capital offenders lessened, and the lives of many of his Majesty's subjects thereby happily saved, to the joy of humanity, and the honour of civil policy.